

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, September 17, 2013
6:45 p.m.
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

At the appointed time, Mayor Hark called the public hearing to order.

DOUG WARREN – FINANCE DIRECTOR **Re: 2013 Ad Valorem Property Tax Rates**

Finance Director Doug Warren stated that the reason for the public hearing was to consider the 2013 property tax levy, required to be re-evaluated each year. He proposed the tax rate remain the same as last year's rate, with no increase, as recommended by the Missouri State Auditor. This is a total tax rate ceiling of \$1.1414 per \$100 of assessed value, the same as last year's rate of \$1.1414 per \$100 of assessed value.

Warren noted that an ordinance would be given a first reading during the normal Council meeting. He also explained that properties are assessed through the Marion and Ralls County Assessors; and they were assessed slightly higher than in 2012, at 2.03%. After this is completed, the City then applies a rate which is broken down. Warren said that, for residential, 19% of the property's market value is divided by 100 and that amount is multiplied by the tax levy rate. He continued by saying that the tax levy that is received by the City is broken down into three parts. These are:

- General Revenue
- Library
- P&F Retirement

Warren said that he would answer any questions from the public at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Hark asked if there were any questions or comments from those in attendance. No one voiced any questions or concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no comments for or in opposition to the proposed 2012 Ad Valorem Property Tax Rates, Mayor Hark adjourned the public hearing.

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**Tuesday, September 17, 2013
Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Louderman, Locke, Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker,
Council Members Dobson, Lionberger and Mayor Hark - 6

Absent: Council Member Hark - 1

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mayor Hark called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

At this time, Mayor Hark asked that Boy Scout Troop 117 come forward. He asked Josh Quintinilla, of Troop 117, to give the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Donovan Medford, of Boy Scout Troop 117 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Hark entertained a motion to excuse Council Member Hark from the meeting. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker and seconded by Council Member Louderman, as directed by the Mayor.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting – September 3, 2013

Motion was made by Council Member Louderman to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled Council meeting that was held on September 3, 2013. Motion was seconded by Council Member Locke.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND CLAIMS
First Half – September, 2013

Motion was made by Council Member Dobson to approve the payroll and claims for the first half of September, 2013. Motion was seconded by Council Member Louderman.

Motion carried.

SHELIA COMBS – GRAB IT BY THE HORNS
Re: Request, Street Closure – Parade
Monday, September 30, 2013 – 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Shelia Combs, on behalf of *Grab It By the Horns* came before Council with a request for approval of street closure during the *Grab It By the Horns* Parade to be held on September 30, 2013. She reminded Council of her recent request for approval of Paint Hannibal Pink October, which was approved. This parade, to be held the last day in September, will kick-off the various activities that are scheduled in conjunction with Paint Hannibal Pink October. Combs requested the closure of Broadway from Grand to Main, including all cross streets along the parade route. Motion was made by Council Member Dobson to approve this request. Motion was seconded by Council Member Louderman.

Motion carried.

ROY G. HARK – MAYOR
Re: Approval of Appointments

Mayor Hark reminded Council of candidate presented at the last meeting for the Landmarks & Monuments Board. These were:

LANDMARKS & MONUMENT BOARD

- **James Mitchell – Reappointment for a term to expire January, 2016**

He asked Council for their approval of this nomination. Motion was made by Council Member Locke to approve James Mitchell's reappointment to the Landmarks & Monuments Board for a term to expire January , 2016. Motion was seconded by Council Member Louderman.

Motion carried.

Re: Recommendation of Appointments

Mayor Hark made the following recommendations:

LANDMARKS & MONUMENT BOARD

- **Dena Ellis – Reappointment for a term to expire January, 2016**

HANNIBAL LIBRARY BOARD

- **Kim Ahrens – Appointment for a term to expire June, 2016**

HANNIBAL AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

- **Dick Rupp – Reappointment for a term to expire September, 2016**

HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION

- **Debbie Catlett – Appointment for a term to expire May, 2018**

These nominations will be considered for approval at the next regular Council meeting, to be held on October 1, 2013.

JEFF LAGARCE – CITY MANAGER

Re: Approval of Appointment

City Manager LaGarce reminded Council of a candidate presented at the last meeting for the Hannibal Board of Public Works. This was:

HANNIBAL BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS BOARD

- **Susan Wathen –Appointment for an unexpired term to expire January, 2016**

He asked Council for their approval of this nomination. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker to approve Susan Wathen’s appointment to the Hannibal Board of Public Works Board for a term to expire January, 2016. Motion was seconded by Council Member Louderman.

Motion carried.

PHYLLIS NELSON – CITY COLLECTOR

Re: Credit & Debit Card Acceptance – Merchant Agreement

Convenient Payments, LLC DBA: GovTeller

(Resolution No. 1929-13, to follow)

City Collector Phyllis Nelson reminded Council of their decision, made at the last Council meeting, to engage GovTeller to provide the credit/debit card acceptance machine. She explained that she is now in possession of the merchant agreement for this service. If approved, Resolution No. 1929-13, to follow, would allow Mayor Hark to execute that agreement making the service available by providing these machines in the Collector’s Office and at the Marina. Nelson noted that the terms of this agreement would be the same as was discussed at the last Council meeting with one exception. There would be a slightly higher fee for acceptance of American Express cards; however, Nelson assured Council that this difference would be pointed out prior to their acceptance of any American Express card.

MARK REES – CITY ENGINEER

Re: Stardust Extension – Change Order No. 3

Bleigh Construction
(Resolution No. 1930-13, to follow)

City Engineer Mark Rees explained that he had only one item on the evening's agenda, the approval for the final change order of the Stardust Extension Project, which had been tabled at the last Council meeting. The final change order totaled \$25,397.76, the necessary amount to close out the contract with Bleigh Construction. Rees commented that this amount was not as good as he had anticipated; however, the project was still completed at a considerable amount under budget. The City Engineer believes this was a very successful project. Resolution No. 1930, to follow, would approve Change Order No. 3 for the Stardust Extension, if it is approved later, during the meeting.

DOUG WARREN – FINANCE DIRECTOR
Re: 2013 Property Tax Rates
(Bill No. 13-021, to follow)

Director of Finance Doug Warren reminded Council of the earlier public hearing that had been held. All questions answered at that time. He explained that with Council approval the 2013 tax levy would remain the same as the prior year. Three tax entities are affected: General Revenue, Library and Police & Fire Retirement fund. Warren recommended approval of the related Bill No. 13-021, which is scheduled for a first reading later during the meeting, with Council approval.

City Manager LaGarce regretted that he had missed the hearing and apologized, he explained that the City had experienced a valuation loss during the recession raising the levy.

In closing, Mayor Hark advised that Council Member Louderman and City Manager LaGarce had accompanied him to the Hannibal Arts Council where they had been awarded the 2013 Paragon Art Award for Leadership in the Arts. He stated that they were very happy to accept this award on behalf of the entire City of Hannibal, including Council, Street Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Police Department, Fire Department and all those that assist with the arts and the festivals in the City.

RESOLUTION NO. 1929-13

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CREDIT & DEBIT
CARD ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENTS WITH CONVENIENT PAYMENTS LLC,
DBA GOVTELLER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MERCHANT
SERVICES OF ACCEPTING CREDIT AND DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS FROM
CUSTOMERS FOR PAYMENTS RECEIVED THROUGH THE COLLECTOR'S
OFFICE AND THE PARKS DEPARTMENTS**

Motion was made by Council Member Locke to have the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1929-13, and call the roll for adoption. Motion was seconded by Council Member Louderman.

Motion carried.

Roll Call

Yes: Council Members Louderman, Locke, Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker, Council Members Dobson, Lionberger and Mayor Hark – 6

No: -0-

Absent: Council Member Hark - 1

Mayor Hark declared Resolution No. 1929-13, duly approved and adopted on this date.

RESOLUTION NO. 1930-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FINAL CHANGE ORDER (NUMBER 3) BETWEEN THE CITY OF HANNIBAL AND BLEIGH CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,397.76 TO CLOSE OUT THE STARDUST EXTENSION PROJECT

Motion was made by Council Member Lionberger to have the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1930-13, and call the roll for adoption. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker.

Motion carried.

Roll Call

Yes: Council Members Louderman, Locke, Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker, Council Members Dobson, Lionberger and Mayor Hark – 6

No: -0-

Absent: Council Member Hark - 1

Mayor Hark declared Resolution No. 1930-13, duly approved and adopted on this date.

BILL NO. 13-019

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COMMERCIAL LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SURVIVAL FLIGHT, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF AN AIR AMBULATORY SERVICE AT HANNIBAL REGIONAL AIRPORT

SECOND AND FINAL READING

Motion was made by Council Member Dobson to give Bill No. 13-019 a second and final reading and call the roll for adoption. Motion was seconded by Council Member Locke.

Motion carried.

Roll Call

Yes: Council Members Louderman, Locke, Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker,
Council Members Dobson, Lionberger and Mayor Hark – 6

No: -0-

Absent: Council Member Hark - 1

Mayor Hark declared Bill No. 13-019 duly approved and adopted on this date.

BILL NO. 13-020

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF HANNIBAL AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR FUNDING OF A CRACKSEALING
PROJECT AT THE HANNIBAL MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

SECOND AND FINAL READING

Motion was made by Council Member Louderman to give Bill No. 13-020 a second and final reading and call the roll for adoption. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker.

Motion carried.

Roll Call

Yes: Council Members Louderman, Locke, Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker,
Council Members Dobson, Lionberger and Mayor Hark – 6

No: -0-

Absent: Council Member Hark - 1

Mayor Hark declared Bill No. 13-020 duly approved and adopted on this date.

BILL NO. 13-021

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND ADOPTING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR THE
YEAR OF 2013 AND LEVYING TAXES THEREFORE**

FIRST READING

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker to give Bill No. 13-021 a first reading. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dobson.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Louderman to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Locke.

Motion carried.